

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

Claims 1-12. (Cancelled)

~~42.~~ 13. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a ~~subject~~ patient with symptomatic HIV infection to stimulate weight gain in the patient, the method comprising orally administering to the patient a pharmaceutical composition comprising dronabinol, wherein the dronabinol is present in the composition in a total amount of about 2.5 mg to about 20 mg.

14. (New) A method of treating a patient with symptomatic HIV infection to stimulate weight gain in the patient comprising:  
administering to the patient an appetite-stimulating effective amount of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the patient is a homosexual.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the patient is male.

17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the weight gain comprises an weight change of approximately 1.5 lbs/week.

18. (New) A method of treating a patient with symptomatic HIV infection to stimulate weight gain in the patient comprising:  
providing to the patient delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol in a dosing regimen optimized to minimize side effects.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the weight gain comprises a weight change of approximately 1.5 lbs/week.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the side effects comprise nausea.
21. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the side effects comprise CNS effects.
22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the patient is homosexual.
23. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the patient is male.
24. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the weight gain comprises a weight change of approximately 1.5 lbs/week.
25. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the patient is on antiviral therapy.
26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the anti-viral therapy comprises azidothymidine.
27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the anti-viral therapy comprises megestrol acetate.
28. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the weight gain comprises a weight change of approximately 1.5 lbs/week.
29. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the patient had received anti-viral therapy.
30. (New) A method of treating a patient to stimulate weight gain comprising:  
administering to the patient an effective amount of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

31. (New) A method of treating a patient with symptomatic HIV infection to stimulate weight gain in the patient comprising:  
administering to the patient an appetite-stimulating effective amount of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol in conjunction with at least one additional medication.
32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein said additional medication comprises an antiviral therapy.
33. (New) A method of treating an HIV patient comprising:  
administering an effective amount of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.